**Q&A after group presentations from mixed groups on potential future programs on RWM in the Blue Nile river basin**

**Group 1:**

**Q**: Could you explain how mobile technology could be used?

**A:** We need to dissemination the best practices through SMS and inform the users to tell about our products and inform the products

**Q:** You mentioned VC approach but you didn’t mention the commodity what commodity you are going to use (livestock, crop etc….)?

**A:** The most important is marketing. We didn’t identify the commodity in our programs at the moment

**Q:** Participatory planning is a problem in innovation platforms?

**A:**We also use bottom up and up bottom approach. It is not just one sided

**Group 2:**

**Q:** Beneficiaries – the implementing partners are mentioned. How do you connect between the partners and beneficiaries they seem disconnected?

**A:** Major beneficiaries will be farmers themselves. Capacity building will go to the practitioners.

**A:** All stakeholders will be members of the platform to implement the problem.

**Q:** What is the innovative element of the project

**A:** Gaps that have not been addressed.

**A:** Demonstrating the technologies that are already done.

**Q:** A lot of activity for 1 million dollar project

**Q:** Approach you follow is value chain and it is not clear for me

**A:** Linking all the actors. From production of agricultural products and linking them to the market (end users). To link it to water management, when water is improved the agricultural productivity also improves.

**Q:** Role of international organizations

**A:** Technical support, new technologies….

**Group 3:**

**Q:** Question on the feasibility and over ambitious for 1 million US$?

**A:** There is bureau of agriculture that is doing physical activities on ground level. The government and community are part of the project. So most of the arrangement is made by the government so there is no need for too much seed money.

**A:** It is feasible. Analysis and trying to link it doesn’t take a lot of money. Capacity at DA’s level can be addressed easily.

**Q:**Who is the owner of this project?

**A:** Owner we didn’t want to decide. Abay Basin Authority could be the owner (my personal view)

**Q:** Who is going to own it in terms of facilitation in terms of sustainability

**Q:** Policy and institutional things are internal and harmonious use in the water in the Nile waters is an issue

**A:** We want to stay at micro-level. Take small scale irrigation there are upstream and downstream issues.

Institutions – overlapping happens most of the time. We want to see the harmonious working together as an outcome.

**Q:** Is there any role for research institutes coming in the system (CG’s) is it something in-house

**A:** In knowledge management we depend on NGO’s

**Group 4:**

**Q:** On the list of beneficiaries’ list government, researchers and line experts. The main beneficiaries which are farmers are neglected?

**A:** The project here is for policy issues.

**Q:** Outcome should be changing the livelihood of the farmers?

**A:** Outcomes are menu of options

**Q:** M&E didn’t see the mile stones which can be used?

**Q:** What is new about this proposal? Why hasn’t it worked in the past?

**A:** We apply scientific and traditional knowledge – which is the branding for our proposal

**Q:** Role of CG’s and international organizations?

**A:** CG’s are the owners